

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

MY insurance does not cover
and it isn't cheap! Not
exam or any part of aids

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

MY mother who is 78 and on
Medicare only and social Security
the aids cost twice as much + exam
etc.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Medical costs are high enough as
we get older even with insurance
and relatively good health it costs
me \$2,000 a year.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

I have purchased 3 and have had
no problems. That came with a 30-45
day free home trial and toll free
number to call for any questions

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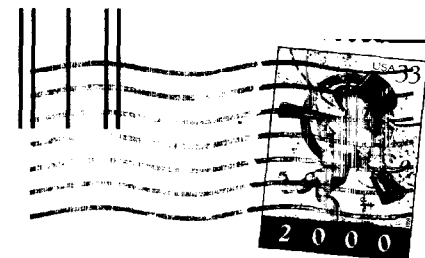
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